

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
MIDDLEBURY, VT.

May 15, 1914.

To the Trustees of Middlebury College:-

Your associate,
Governor John A. Mead, has made it possible for me to make an announcement which will bring you all great satisfaction and encouragement, as it gives me the keenest pleasure. I enclose a copy of his letter to me signed May 11th which assures the erection of an appropriate and beautiful chapel for Middlebury College.

I have testified many times to the great need of such a building and the large possibilities for good in connection with it. We have all felt for many years that it was one of the most urgent needs of the college, and those who have been closest in touch with the daily life of the institution have felt the need most earnestly.

A chapel is not an income producing building and its erection should be accompanied by an endeavor to increase our endowment and secure a men's dormitory which would yield a revenue and provide for our increased student body. I very much hope that the General Education Board will now look with favor upon our application for a grant towards a fund of \$500,000, towards which we now have a good start in the \$10,000 recently contributed by Governor McCullough and the amount suggested by Governor Mead for the erection of a chapel. I will greatly appreciate the assistance of any of you toward this end and trust I may have your co-operation in promoting the movement which has been so well begun.

Faithfully yours,



P.S. May I hear from you immediately as to whether you will authorize the acceptance of Governor Mead's proposition and the appointment of the Building Committee which he suggests?